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All People	283,065	9,922	760	3.5	0.3	294,345	21,351	861	7.3	0.3	297,531	24,001	977	8.1	0.3	299,909	24,829	1,022	8.3	0.3
Race and Hispanic Origin																				
White ³	226,611	6,235	622	2.8	0.3	235,386	14,645	715	6.2	0.3	237,150	15,684	786	6.6	0.3	238,411	16,157	867	6.8	0.4
White, non-Hispanic ⁴	187,449	3,796	428	2.0	0.2	193,610	9,117	547	4.7	0.3	194,507	9,613	541	4.9	0.3	194,464	10,096	631	5.2	0.3
Black ³	35,718	3,078	461	8.6	1.3	37,160	5,151	429	13.9	1.1	37,765	6,212	473	16.4	1.2	38,243	6,526	546	17.1	1.4
Asian ³	10,935	150	57	1.4	0.5	11,233	488	127	4.3	1.1	11,761	702	190	6.0	1.6	12,045	797	182	6.6	1.5
Hispanic ⁴	42,786	2,759	418	6.4	1.0	45,668	6,289	527	13.8	1.2	47,088	7,110	610	15.1	1.3	48,453	6,961	629	14.4	1.3
Non-Hispanic	240,279	7,162	611	3.0	0.3	248,676	15,061	717	6.1	0.3	250,443	16,891	772	6.7	0.3	251,456	17,867	857	7.1	0.3
Age																				
Under 18 years	71,350	4,210	443	5.9	0.6	72,839	8,368	485	11.5	0.7	73,430	9,424	516	12.8	0.7	73,427	9,467	535	12.9	0.7
18 to 64 years	178,961	4,950	404	2.8	0.2	185,279	11,558	461	6.2	0.2	187,251	12,985	555	6.9	0.3	188,552	13,493	606	7.2	0.3
65 years and over	32,753	762	122	2.3	0.4	36,227	1,424	139	3.9	0.4	36,850	1,592	147	4.3	0.4	37,931	1,869	165	4.9	0.4
Sex																				
Male	137,201	3,941	363	2.9	0.3	143,577	9,034	428	6.3	0.3	145,473	10,543	526	7.2	0.4	146,952	10,735	539	7.3	0.4
Female	145,864	5,981	485	4.1	0.3	150,768	12,316	515	8.2	0.3	152,058	13,457	574	8.9	0.4	152,957	14,093	608	9.2	0.4
Educational Attainment⁵ (people 18 years and over)																				
Less than 4 years of high school	27,181	1,889	230	7.0	0.8	28,733	4,023	278	14.0	0.9	27,531	4,355	319	15.8	1.0	26,401	4,271	353	16.2	1.2
High school graduate, no college	52,478	1,824	193	3.5	0.4	56,029	3,881	255	6.9	0.4	58,984	4,485	297	7.6	0.5	61,071	5,230	311	8.6	0.5
One of more years of college	132,055	1,998	212	1.5	0.2	136,743	5,079	264	3.7	0.2	137,585	5,736	315	4.2	0.2	139,010	5,861	347	4.2	0.3
Disability Status (people 15 to 69 years)																				
With a work disability	24,829	1,740	200	7.0	0.8	25,777	3,496	196	13.6	0.7	26,537	3,929	288	14.8	1.0	27,770	4,087	302	14.7	1.0
With no work disability	177,237	3,750	353	2.1	0.2	183,461	9,509	457	5.2	0.3	184,755	10,730	516	5.8	0.3	185,220	11,024	561	6.0	0.3
Residence																				
Metropolitan	236,089	7,630	664	3.2	0.3	246,196	16,748	887	6.8	0.3	246,990	18,442	902	7.5	0.3	248,608	19,091	982	7.7	0.4
Nonmetropolitan	46,976	2,291	512	4.9	0.9	48,149	4,602	699	9.6	1.1	50,541	5,559	809	11.0	1.2	51,301	5,737	837	11.2	1.2
Region																				
Northeast	51,348	1,502	315	2.9	0.6	53,419	3,309	322	6.2	0.6	53,607	3,890	400	7.3	0.8	53,830	3,883	440	7.2	0.8
Midwest	62,414	1,992	347	3.2	0.6	64,551	4,234	402	6.6	0.6	64,892	4,277	405	6.6	0.6	65,044	4,766	494	7.3	0.8
South	104,093	4,586	536	4.4	0.5	108,045	9,019	612	8.3	0.6	109,466	10,338	665	9.4	0.6	110,818	10,794	724	9.7	0.7
West	65,210	1,841	303	2.8	0.5	68,329	4,789	373	7.0	0.5	69,565	5,496	468	7.9	0.7	70,217	5,386	445	7.7	0.6

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Family Status																				
In families	236,058	7,222	680	3.1	0.3	244,270	15,522	798	6.4	0.3	247,476	17,569	909	7.1	0.4	249,429	18,538	949	7.4	0.4
With related children under 18 years	148,326	6,676	686	4.5	0.5	153,053	13,924	799	9.1	0.5	154,643	15,786	888	10.2	0.6	155,784	16,339	922	10.5	0.6
In married-couple families	181,112	2,546	429	1.4	0.2	185,951	6,035	522	3.2	0.3	188,226	7,028	658	3.7	0.3	189,070	8,012	718	4.2	0.4
With related children under 18 years	109,775	2,184	428	2.0	0.4	111,826	4,972	504	4.4	0.4	113,138	5,900	604	5.2	0.5	114,387	6,689	678	5.8	0.6
In families with a female householder, no husband present	42,183	4,247	504	10.1	1.2	44,555	8,583	521	19.3	1.1	45,064	9,230	644	20.5	1.4	45,964	9,274	696	20.2	1.4
With related children under 18 years	30,426	4,147	504	13.6	1.6	32,626	8,148	517	25.0	1.5	32,651	8,734	639	26.8	1.9	32,582	8,591	681	26.4	1.9
In families with a male householder, no wife present	12,762	430	144	3.4	1.1	13,764	905	191	6.6	1.3	14,186	1,311	220	9.2	1.5	14,395	1,252	251	8.7	1.7
With related children under 18 years	8,125	345	133	4.2	1.6	8,600	803	184	9.3	2.0	8,854	1,151	209	13.0	2.3	8,816	1,060	240	12.0	2.6
Unrelated individuals	47,007	2,700	246	5.7	0.5	50,075	5,828	271	11.6	0.5	50,055	6,432	315	12.8	0.6	50,480	6,291	329	12.5	0.6
In non-family households	43,430	2,190	216	5.0	0.5	46,020	4,833	241	10.5	0.5	46,526	5,399	286	11.6	0.6	47,293	5,424	311	11.5	0.7
Employment and Labor Force Status (people 18 years and over)																				
Employed absent from work	2,688	90	44	3.3	1.6	2,701	174	46	6.4	1.7	2,235	120	45	5.4	1.9	2,036	137	46	6.7	2.1
Employed full-time	104,394	583	110	0.6	0.1	106,377	1,709	159	1.6	0.2	104,084	2,022	187	1.9	0.2	104,801	2,101	216	2.0	0.2
Employed part-time	32,394	724	115	2.2	0.4	33,550	2,108	177	6.3	0.5	32,670	2,242	182	6.9	0.5	32,611	2,064	212	6.3	0.6
Unemployed	8,999	653	143	7.3	1.5	9,659	1,529	155	15.8	1.6	13,326	2,053	213	15.4	1.5	11,804	2,069	225	17.5	1.7
Not in labor force	63,239	3,662	270	5.8	0.4	69,219	7,463	335	10.8	0.5	71,785	8,139	387	11.3	0.5	75,230	8,991	413	12.0	0.5
Marital Status (people 18 years and over)																				
Married	117,540	1,311	208	1.1	0.2	121,700	3,372	270	2.8	0.2	121,630	3,678	316	3.0	0.3	121,462	4,293	367	3.5	0.3
Separated, divorced, or widowed	38,669	1,793	183	4.6	0.5	41,780	3,839	215	9.2	0.5	41,994	4,294	248	10.2	0.6	42,745	4,599	257	10.8	0.6
Never married	55,506	2,608	258	4.7	0.5	58,026	5,771	286	9.9	0.5	60,477	6,604	355	10.9	0.6	62,275	6,470	375	10.4	0.6
Family Size																				
1 person (unrelated individual)	47,007	2,700	246	5.7	0.5	50,075	5,828	271	11.6	0.5	50,055	6,432	315	12.8	0.6	50,480	6,291	329	12.5	0.6
2 people	70,150	1,262	188	1.8	0.3	73,056	3,007	257	4.1	0.4	71,761	2,953	245	4.1	0.3	70,462	3,524	305	5.0	0.4
3 people	51,399	1,506	280	2.9	0.5	52,797	3,094	351	5.9	0.6	53,230	3,462	370	6.5	0.7	54,100	3,739	430	6.9	0.8
4 people	57,385	1,754	342	3.1	0.6	58,616	3,614	358	6.2	0.6	61,106	4,354	455	7.1	0.7	61,430	4,119	420	6.7	0.7
5 people	32,844	1,554	337	4.7	1.0	33,892	2,973	401	8.8	1.2	34,863	3,260	423	9.4	1.2	36,666	3,780	504	10.3	1.3
6 or more people	24,279	1,146	295	4.7	1.2	25,909	2,835	440	10.9	1.6	26,516	3,540	486	13.4	1.7	26,771	3,375	493	12.6	1.7

¹ Panel and yearly estimates are based on different samples. The 3-year panel estimates include only respondents in the panel for 36 months whereas calendar year estimates include respondents in sample for 12 months. The numbers of respondents in each sample are as follows: 48,937 in the 3-year panel, 73,695 in 2009, 67,452 in 2010, and 62,841 in 2011.

² A 90 percent confidence interval (C.I.) is a measure of an estimate's variability. The larger the confidence interval in relation to the size of the estimate, the less reliable the estimate.

³ Federal surveys, including the SIPP 2004 and 2008 Panel, give respondents the option of reporting more than one race. These data can be shown in two ways: (1) as mutually exclusive from other race groups, which may be denoted by "alone" or (2) not mutually exclusive with other race groups, denoted by "alone or in combination with other race groups." The figures, tables, and text in this report show race using the first method.

⁴ Hispanics may be any race, data in this report for Hispanics overlap data for racial groups. Data users should exercise caution when interpreting aggregate results for these groups because they consist of many distinct subgroups that differ in socioeconomic characteristics, culture, and recency of immigration.

⁵ In the 2004 and 2008 SIPP Panels, educational attainment variables were incorrectly coded for some respondents starting in Wave 2. Corrected files have been rereleased for the 2008 Panel for Waves 2 to 5, and starting in Wave 6, the corrected values were automatically included in the initial person-level data files.

Corrected files were also rereleased for Waves 2 to 12 of the 2004 Panel. These estimates reflect those corrections to the educational attainment variables.

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Survey of Income and Program Participation, 2008 Panel. For information on confidentiality protection and sampling and nonsampling error, see <www.census.gov/sipp/source.html>.